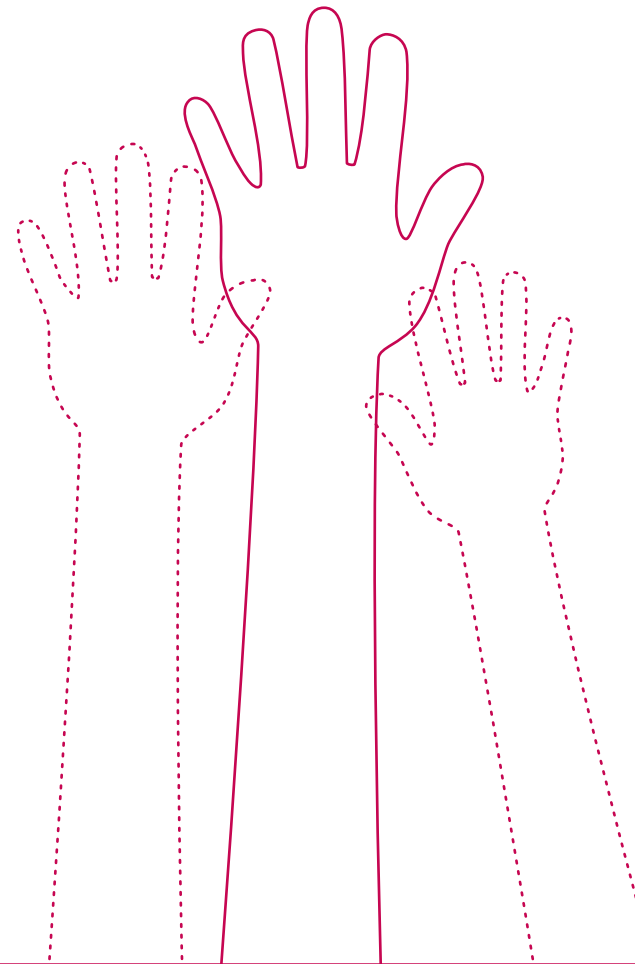


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Snapshot

This resource is part of WHAI's **Women and Harm Reduction In Ontario: A Capacity Building Toolkit**, which was created to strengthen the work harm reduction programs do with women who use drugs. This toolkit was developed through consultations with women who use drugs across Ontario. This section provides a snapshot of who participated and what we found.



In the development of this toolkit, consultations were conducted with women who use drugs across Ontario, including in London, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Kingston, Peterborough, York and Peel regions, Windsor, and Sudbury. Additional individuals and organizations were then consulted to address gaps in participation and ensure representation and input from a range of individuals.

PARTICIPANTS BY REGION

N=64

WHA! Sites

*This map is not to scale

29.7%

Northern Ontario

28.1%

Central Ontario

20.3%

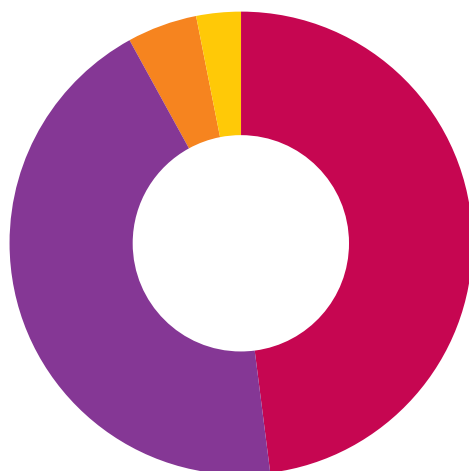
Eastern Ontario

21.9%

Southwestern Ontario

PARTICIPANT ETHNICITY*

N=61



- 47.5% Indigenous*
- 44.3% White
- 8.2% Other - Racialized*
- 4.9% Other*

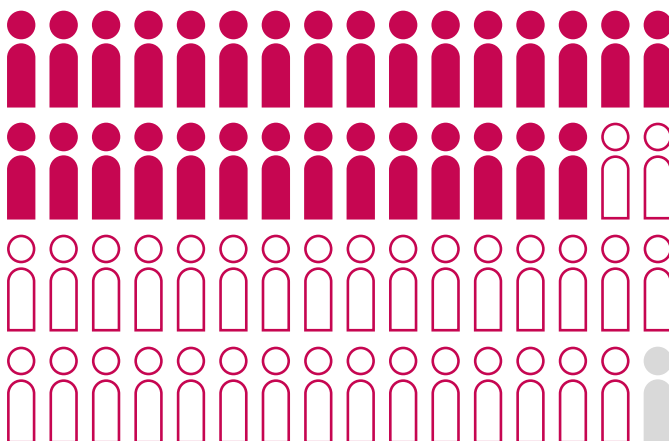
This question was asked in an open-ended manner so that people could identify in ways that they felt most appropriate. Participants can be counted in more than one category.

- “Indigenous” included those who identified as First Nations, Cree, Ojibway, Metis, Native.
- “Other - Racialized” is grouped together because of the small number. Answers included Black, Southeast, and East Asian.
- “Other” included religious or national affiliations.

HAVE CHILDREN

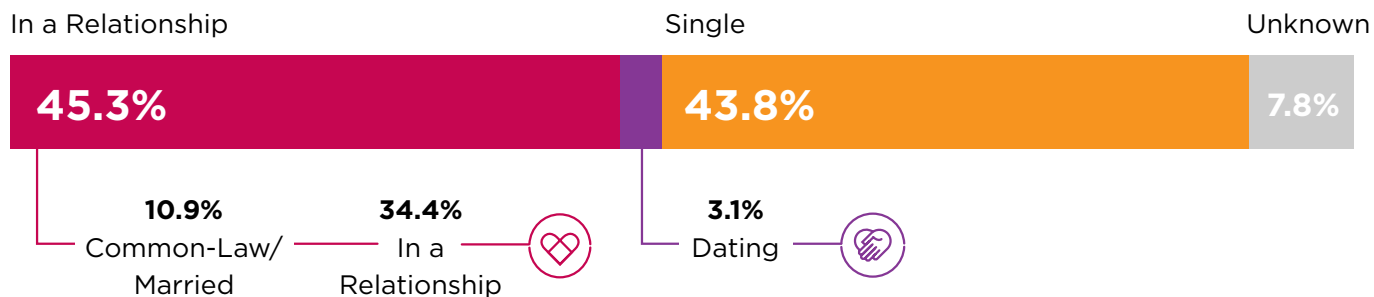
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46.9% Yes 51.6% No 1.5% Unknown



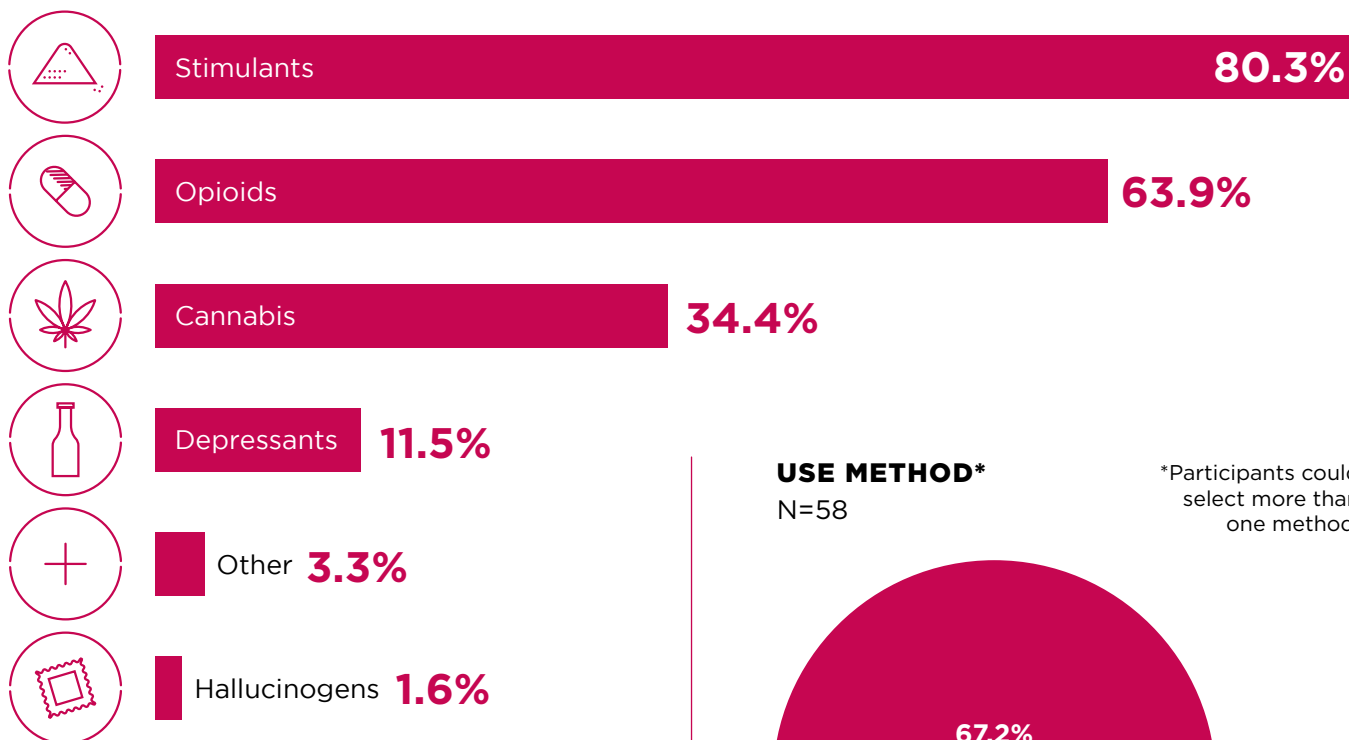
RELATIONSHIP STATUS

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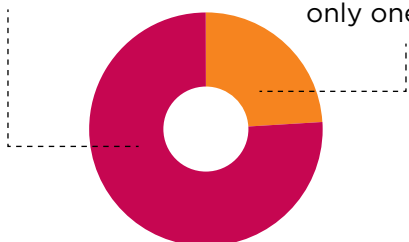
DRUGS OF CHOICE

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Approximately **76%** of participants reported using multiple drugs some or all of the time

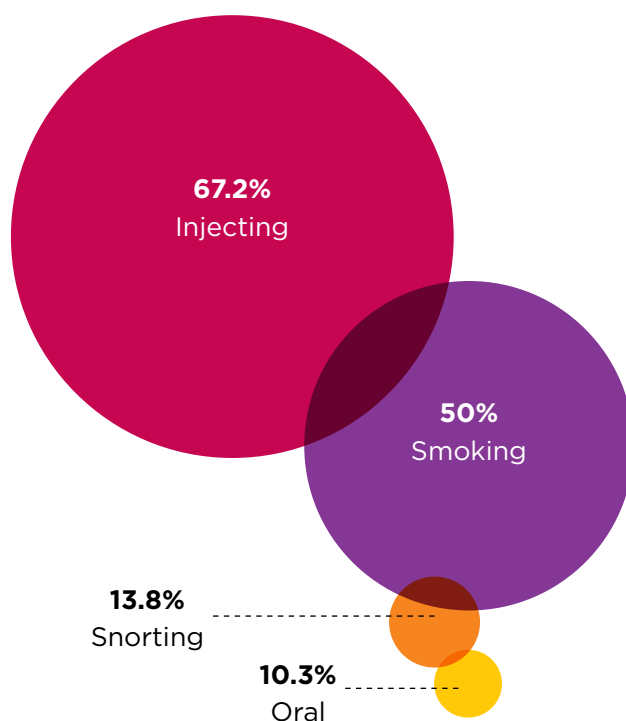
24% reported primarily using only one drug



USE METHOD*

N=58

*Participants could select more than one method.



INFORMATION ABOUT OVERDOSE PREVENTION

N=64



40%

Almost **40%** of participants reported using alone most or all of the time



A similar number reported using with others



70%

Almost **70%** of participants reported carrying naloxone



10%

However, just over **10%** reported not knowing how to use it



40%

Almost **40%** of participants had reversed an overdose

